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SUBJECT: SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER AREILZA'S PARIS

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. SPANISH FONMIM ARELIZA BRIEFLY
VISITED PARIS JANUARY 10. WE HAVE APPOINTMENTS LATER
THIS WEEK FOR MORE DETAILED DEBRIEFING HIS MEETING
AND LUNCH WITH SAUVAGNARGUES. HIS PRESS STATEMENTS IN
PARIS CONFIRM SPAIN'S CLEAR DESIRE TO BECOME MEMBER OF
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AS SOON AS THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED.

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END SUMMARY.

2. ON THIS SCORE AREILZA TOLD PRESS BEFORE MEEITNG SAUVAGNARGUES THAT SPAIN MAY START NEGOTIATIONS THIS YEAR ON ITS ADHERENCE TO THE ECC."OUR OBJECTIVE", THE SPANISH FONMIN SAID," IS INTERGRATION IN THE COMMON MARKET AND THEN IN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE DEFENSE SYSTEM WITH WHICH WE COLLABORATE ALREADY".

3. ON LEAVING THE QUAI, AREILZA SAID: "THE POLITICAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN FRANCE AND SPAIN CONSTITUES AN IMPORTANT POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR FACILITATING MADRID'S ADHESION TO THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND ITS PARTICIPATION IN EUROPE. THE SPANISH PEOPLE WANT TO INTERGRATE THEMSELVES IN EUROPE AND TO CONSIDER THEMSELVES WHOLLY EORPEAN. THE NEGOTIATION WILL REQUIRE SOME LONG STAGES, BUT I THINK I CAN COUNT ON THE SUPPORT OF FRANCE".

4. SAUVAGNARGUES THEN REPLIED, INTER ALIA, THAT "IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SPAIN PROCEED ON ITS WAY TOWARD DEMOCRACY, WHICH IS THE CONDITION REPEAT CONDITION FOR ITS PARTICIPATION IN EUROPE AND ITS ENTRY INTO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. ON THAT ROAD IT CAN COUNT ON

FRNACE'S TOTAL SUPPORT."

5. LE MONDE JANUARY 13 FURTHER REPORTS AREILZA VISITS TO BONN, BRUSSELS, LUXEMBOURG AND PARIS CONTRIBUTED TO TAW IN EC-9 RESISTANCE TO REOPENING COMMERCIAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS. HIS CONVERSATION WITH SAUVAGNARGUES REPORTEDLY ALSO DEALT WITH THE PROBLEMS OF THE SAHARA AND THE POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF PLANES.
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